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PULPWOOD PRODUCTION IN 1952

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Pulpwood production in the Northern Rocky Mountain region[1] during 1952 was 248,255 cords. This is a 173 percent increase over 1950, the last year a census was made of pulpwood production. A new pulpmill in the region and larger shipments of pulpwood to Lake States and western mills accounted for the increase.

Fifty-three percent of the pulpwood cut was lodgepole pine. Grand fir and western hemlock made up 25.6 and 14.0 percent, respectively. Spruce, cottonwood, and western larch made up the remainder.

Over half the total pulpwood produced was cut in eastern Montana. North Idaho supplied 35.4 percent, northeast Washington 7.6 percent, and western Montana 5.2 percent.

All of the cut in eastern Montana was lodgepole pine. Ninety-nine percent of the cut of northeast Washington, and 83 percent of the cut in north Idaho, was grand fir and western hemlock. In western Montana, 97 percent of the pulpwood produced was western hemlock and spruce.

Table 1. Source of Pulpwood

Species	Western Montana[2]	Eastern Montana[2]	North Idaho	Northeast Washington	Total	Percent of Total
	cords[3]					
Cottonwood	--	--	2052	120	2172	0.9
Grand fir	151	--	52320	11000	63471	25.6
Western hemlock	6313	--	20895	7675	34883	14.0
Western larch	225	--	250	--	475	0.2
Lodgepole pine	--	128736	3327	50	132113	53.2
Spruce	6134	--	9007	--	15141	6.1
Total	12823	128736	87851	18845	248255	100.0
Percent of Total	5.2	51.8	35.4	7.6	100	

Accuracy of the 1952 survey. The data presented in this note are based on a survey of all plants obtaining pulpwood from this region.

1/ Includes Montana; Idaho north of the Salmon River; Ferry, Lincoln, Spokane, Pend Orielle, Stevens and Whitman Counties, Washington; and Butte and Harding Counties, South Dakota.
2/ The division between eastern and western Montana is the Continental Divide.
3/ Pulpwood logs converted on the basis of 400 bd. ft. (Scribner) = 1 cord.

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